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Above – Commanding Officer **Major Mark Sanchez** prepares to sample “the beef” as the members of the head table look on.

Lower Right – The members of the Mess await the entrance of the President of the Mess.

The Mess of Tradition

Company I held a Mess Night on April 26, 2003 at the MCBH Kaneohe Bay Enlisted Club. The Mess was presided over by the CO Maj Mark Sanchez (Mr. President) and Cpl Jason Hudak acting as Mr. Vice. The Guest of Honor was HM2 Richard “Doc” Loza. The evening consisted of a cocktail hour in which the Marines could partake in various drinks and have a chance to greet all the other members of the Mess. This was followed by a meal consisting of five courses, all of which were very palatable. The evening concluded with a toast to the Corps and to all those who have served and serve within the Corps. Afterwards the Marines were invited to join the CO at the bar for drinks for the remainder of the evening.

The Company I Mess Night was not as stringent as others have been, and allowed a relaxed environment in which the Marines of the Company could really have a good time. There were many memorable events during the Mess Night. Events ranged from Marines wearing “unique” t-shirts sporting interesting phrases and logos, to SNCOs ordering pizza, to some Marines allegedly holding hands during the Mess. Fines, ranging from monetary to visits to the grog bowl, were handed out during the unique meal time environment only experienced during a Marine Corps Mess Night. These fines were dictated by the President of the Mess, and caused great amusement among the Marines in attendance. All in all the Mess Night was a great chance for the junior and senior Marines of the company to foster and promote esprit de corps in service to our great nation.

-PFC Zachariah Roberts



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Above - They say that a picture says a thousand words...so we'll let you decide what this picture says about **Cpl Rob Feuerstein** and **Cpl Matt Roy**!!



Above - **Sgt "Big Daddy" Dan Chiras** demonstrates the "Robot" for the Mess.



Top Left: We're pretty sure that this is irrefutable proof that Cpl 's Feuerstein and Roy actually DID hold hands at the Mess Night.



Above: **LCpl John "Boy" Rescott** samples some of the exceedingly fine Grog.

Top Right: **Cpl "Slammin" Sam Elam** provides the CO "evidence" in the case of USMC vs **Cpl Dave "Chief" McGuire**.

Middle Right: Exploded view of Cpl Elam's evidence. You be the judge!!

Lower Right: **Cpl Gumaro "Gummy Bear" Mata** tames the bull...

Lower Left: After watching Cpl Mata make a fool of himself, **Cpl Andy "the Dandy" Dormady** rides the bull.

Middle Left: **SSgt Don "El Lobo" Wolff** treats several members of his platoon to a trip to the Grog Bowl.





-The students of Coral Spring Charter School made this mural and three others, one for each military service. They are displayed along the top of tunnel as you come into the facility.

Letters from the Kids

Recently the Marines of Company I have had one more reason to stand out here at the KRSOC. Cpl Eaton helped start a program, which encouraged students of Coral Spring Charter School (CSCS) to write to service members throughout the KRSOC. Cpl Eaton, with the help of long time friend Ms. Kristen Rine, conceived the program through a conversation they had one day. Ms. Rine is a middle school teacher at CSCS and was planning on having her students write to service members deployed to the Iraq region and brought it up to Cpl Eaton. When Cpl Eaton told her the service members who had not deployed to the region (but support the war in other ways) would appreciate recognition somewhat like the deployed service members receive, Ms. Rine began to think of the project in it's current form. The next day she asked her classes if they would like to write to service members who "do not receive the recognition they deserve", the students were excited to do so. She then called Cpl Eaton and asked her if it would be possible for them to do so, and to ask if Cpl Eaton would make the arrangements to have the letters from the students delivered to various military men and women. Cpl Eaton then collected names of service members who were interested in writing to the students and gave them to Ms. Rine. Ms. Rine had the students write and send their letters to Cpl Eaton, who hand delivered them to the recipients. Along with the letters the students sent the banners (one for each service) that now hang along the walkway of the tunnel. After all the responses had been written and collected by Cpl Eaton herself, she hand delivered them to Ms. Rine's classes. She gave a short class on what it is like to be a Marine and then received questions from the students at the conclusion of the classes. She also presented a Company I coin to Ms. Rine, and several KRSOC coins to students at CSCS. Through her involvement with the community, even a community thousands of miles away, Cpl Eaton provided another example of what makes Marines great, and one more way for Company I to shine here at the KRSOC.

-PFC Zachariah Roberts

CONGRATULATIONS!! The “Newest” Marines

- LCpl Matthew Rhodes is a proud papa again, as his wife Melissa gave birth to a their second child, a 6lb 9oz baby boy, Bryson Alexander Rhodes was born June 7, 2003 at Tripler AMC.
- GySgt Calhoon is a father times four, as he and his wife Melissa were blessed with a 9lb 8oz baby boy, Jonathan Levi Calhoon, born on June 8, 2003.
- Sgt Craig Casipe is a first time father! His lovely wife, Carmela, gave birth to an 8lb 2oz baby girl, Mia Leilani Flordelize Casipe was born on June 14, 2003 at Tripler AMC.
- Cpl Anthony Knighten and his wife Heather are not only new to Company I, but brand new parents as well! Their daughter, Leah Grace Knighten, 7lbs 9oz was born on July 2, 2003 at Tripler AMC.

Decorations and Awards

- Sgt Riley was selected as the Company I, Marine of the Quarter for 1st Qtr 2003.
- Sgt Pendergrass and Sgt Octavio are the latest graduates from Company I from the Staff Non-Commissioned Officer Academy's Sergeant's Course. Sgt Pendergrass was the Honorgrad (number one in the class) and Sgt Octavio graduated number two (ran a 300 PFT and won the SgtMaj's writing award) in the class. Great job you studs!
- Sgt Williamson graduated from Signals Intelligence Analysis Course at MARCORDET, San Angelo, TX and distinguished himself by graduating first in his class.
- SSgt Wolff was awarded the Joint Service Commendation Medal
- SSgt Morrill was awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal
- Sgt Brown, Sgt Kyler, and Cpl Moorman were all awarded the Joint Service Achievement Medal
- Cpl Mata, Cpl Freshour, and Sgt Brouch were awarded the Good Conduct Medal 1st award. GySgt Morriseau (6th), GySgt Calhoon (4th), and Sgt Octavio (2nd) were also awarded Good Conduct Medals.
- Sgt Lougy and Sgt Brown were promoted in May.
- A big OOH-RAH and congratulations to all these Marines.

Administration Ministrations

- Congratulations to our newest Gunnery Sergeant Selects!! (to be promoted between 1 July 03 and 1 June 04 dependent on their selection number)

SSgt James Crawford
SSgt Edward Russell

SSgt Sonia Mendoza
SSgt Donald Wolff

Super Squad Competition 2003

Alpha

Cpl Sims
Cpl Heck
Cpl Enriquez
LCpl Garza
LCpl Geronime
Cpl Colon-Butler
PFC Roberts
LCpl Heinzig
*Sgt Morrill

Bravo

Cpl Clevenger
Cpl Steggs
PFC Morrison
LCpl Rhodes
Cpl Lisowski
LCpl Rescott
LCpl Herling
*GySgt Calhoon

Charlie

Sgt Riley
LCpl Sheldon
Cpl Powell
Sgt Tawata
LCpl Surma
*SSgt Wadding

The Cast:

Sgt Farmer

Sgt Casipe

Delta

Cpl Roy
Cpl Hoggard
LCpl Fulling, Mk
Cpl Mata
Cpl Eaton
*Sgt Deuto

Cpl Gallimore

Cpl Watts

Echo

LCpl Raulerson
Cpl
Cpl McGuire
Cpl Freshour
Sgt Tavalin
Cpl Field
LCpl Brown
*SSgt Lewis



A Day of Infamy

It was one of those days...the kind of day in which legends are made, reputations are won or lost, and a lot of people suffer needfully. Indeed many Marines left their mark in the annals of Company I, on this day of days. Some left a good mark, and some left a skid mark. Through it all, the groans and moans, the winces and whines, the Marines of Company I earned a good night's sleep.

It was a competition that catered to no one, yet mercilessly applied to everyone. The events coupled strength and determination while testing knowledge and strategy. Many a squad would be left broken and bleary-eyed by the day's end. Who could win such a competition? Indeed, who would even want to compete in such a struggle... THE MARINES OF COMPANY I!

It started bright and early on a cool spring morning down at the Kunia Training Area (KTA). The "Qualifier" was a 1.5mi jaunt to Richardson Pool followed by a 400m relay swim in full gear. After completing the invigorating swim, Marines leisurely returned to KTA via a scenic 1.5mi route. This event set the tone for the day, preparing the Marines for refreshing day of challenges and games. Bravo Squad was in first place at the end of the qualification round, with Echo squad occupying last place after patiently pacing themselves (all squads were separated by a mere 20:39).

After a rousing speech from our beloved outgoing Battalion Commander, the squads departed KTA in the order that they had arrived, the appropriate time counted off before they departed. Just a mere 1-mile away was the next stop on the fun train, a set of max pull-ups. Each squad compiled the number of pull-ups that their Marines could execute in one set...this number would be used to decide who left, and when. At each stop a given squad competed against the next squad to arrive...the winner moves the loser stays. Some teams did well, some not so well. Charlie came in here in second and dropped two spots to fourth, letting Alpha and Delta pass them by. Bravo led the way out of objective number one and set out for another 1-mile leg-loosening stroll back to KTA.

This led to the bench press competition. Another “squad max set”...this time Bravo faltered, dropping two spots to third while Alpha vaulted into the lead, and Delta picked up another spot moving into second. But it was a 3-mile uphill ramble up to the next objective...time to separate the Marines from the “Moan”ines. Alpha pushed it’s way up the hill to the Marine Corps Common Skills (MCCS) Test at Medal of Honor Park. Bravo charged up the hill, passing by a withering Delta, as Delta suffered in the oppressive heat of a sunny Hawaii late morning. Seizing the opportunity, Bravo departed the area in the top spot again. Alpha must have pushed too hard too early, as they performed poorly on the tremendously tough test. They had arrived first, and would depart last, their once high esprit de corps now dangerously low.

After sauntering the inspirationally picturesque 3 miles back down the hill to KTA, the squads received a well-deserved thirty minute break for chow. Immediately following this, the squads competed in a Marine Corps Martial Arts (MCMA) Test at the Tan Belt level, all tie-breakers would be at the Grey Belt level. Bravo came in first, and then went out first. But in defeating Delta, who had come all the way from 4th place after the qualifier, and who had nearly broke on the charge up the hill, the seeds were sown for a bitter rivalry with Delta that would continue for the rest of the day.

“Up to Post 2 at the entrance of the tunnel,” said the evaluators. “Finally, an easy short distance,” said the squads. “Oh but wait,” broke in the smiling evaluator, “I almost forgot. Carry the heaviest Marine in your squad and all his gear up the hill.” Bravo arrived first, followed closely by Delta. At the entrance to the tunnel, it was to be a M16A3 rifle assembly-disassembly relay race. Forgotten skills, and flabby inflexible fingers were the way of the day here. In a messy and slow head to head competition, Delta passed by Bravo to take the lead. They picked up their heaviest Marine and his gear and rolled down the hill to the final objective.

This is where the rubber meets the road...everything was hanging in the balance here. It was all on the line...a 96 for the winning squad...a 72 for second!! Nothing but an aching back and wounded pride for the rest. Bravo eeked out a victory in the rifle relay to face Delta for the 96. It was down to one event with three Marines from each squad randomly selected to compete in Pugil Stick Bouts. One point per “killing blow”, two points to win a bout. Two bouts to win the event. The tension was high, every last reserve of strength, courage and skill was summoned. The adrenaline was running high. Perhaps, it seemed as though Delta had not broke down on that uphill hike, but rather, they had merely conserved strength and patiently won event after event slowly making their way to the top spot. The first bout went to Bravo...it seemed as though the squad that had dominated most of the day was headed for a 96 in sunny Hawaii!! The second bout went to Delta in a hotly contested battle of fierce competitors. It all came down to one bout, one fight, and actually it came down to one point...Delta’s Marine scored that point and Delta won the day!! They had only lost one squad to squad competition the whole day (MCMA), they took their time getting from A to B, but they had it when they got there. Well done Delta, well done.

It did not end there however, there was still one spot worth fighting for...and there was still a squad’s pride to be considered. Could Bravo recover from their devastating defeat at the end of Delta’s pugil stick, and win the 72? Charlie, loaded with talent...and sergeants, thought that they might have something to say about that after they had spent most of the day languishing in third or fourth place. Now was their chance, and they were going to make the most of it. Bravo was not dead however, and although Charlie won the first bout, Bravo won the next two bouts to secure the 72! Now the squads went into damage control, no one wanted to finish last. Pride – and the fierce warrior spirit – led to some fearsome battles as Echo pushed up to claim the third spot, Charlie laid claim to fourth, and Alpha fought valiantly but could not recover from the blow they had received up on the hill during the MCCS test, and occupied the fifth and final position.

It was a great day for sure, as it demonstrated that the warrior spirit is indeed still alive and well within the Marines of Company I.

-GySgt Dean Calhoon

From the Senior Enlisted Marine’s Desk

Company I Marines continue to excel. They finish at the top of their class in Professional Military Education. They receive commendations, achievement medals and certificates for their outstanding performance of duties. They are recognized by the local community for their unselfish volunteer work. They attain some of the highest Physical Fitness Test scores in the Marine Cryptologic Support Battalion.

Some people may be surprised by the accomplishments of Company I Marines, I am not. I expect great things from Company I Marines because they are given all the tools they need to succeed.

From the very start, screeners at boot camp look for Marines who possess strong academic skills to be nominated for the 2600 field. Screeners also check for personnel who have clean backgrounds and are eligible for top-secret security clearances. After attending some of the longest MOS training in the Marine Corps, Marines arrive at Company I ready for a challenge.

Both Cryptologic Marines and Personnel Administration Marines at Company I have advantages over their peers at the other units. They have strong officers and staff NCO’s to lead them and look out for their personal welfare. Their operational tempo and work schedules give them opportunity to pursue off duty education, community involvement, sports competition, family activities, and other areas of self-improvement. The sub-tropic weather, quality of air, quality of water, and availability of fresh fruits and vegetables make Hawaii one of the healthiest places in the world to live. With the abundance of outdoor activities, Marines at Company I should be in top physical shape.

I challenge the Marines at Company I to continue to excel. With the tools and opportunities they are given, anything less than complete success is disappointing.

GySgt Morriseau.

The KV Corner



Commanding Officer's Key Volunteer Mission Statement

The Key Volunteer Network (KVN) is an integral part of my official Family Readiness Program. It is the primary communication link between the families of Company I and myself for the enhancement of mission and family readiness. The KVN is utilized to help keep the families better informed about Company I's happenings, and assists in establishing sense of community or "family" within the Company. The KVN operates in support of and under my direction. The KVN focus is any area that is of interest or need for the Marine families of Company I, which will improve their quality of life.

Check Out These Informative Websites!

www.mccsonesource.com - "provides 24 hour a day, 7 days a week, telephonic and online family information and referral, situational assistance, and links to military and community resources.

www.tricare.osd.mil/TricareHandbook/ - "the TRICARE Handbook is now interactive and available on the TRICARE web site.

www.marinenwives.com - great informational site, with lots of helpful links.



Family Readiness officer, SSgt Mendoza, pictured with many of the Company I Key Volunteers

Spouses Pitch In

As an offshoot of the Key Volunteer Network, The "Spouses of Company I" really threw a heckuva curve ball at us at the Summer Picnic. They brought out a Dunk Tank! Boasting a one, five and ten dollar line for sending someone down to the depths of an icy water tank ...the Dunk Tank event was the top draw of the picnic. They made big money off of many "accuracy-challenged" and "aim-deficient" Marines. Thank you spouses. A special thanks to Charlie Lewis for setting this event up...Lisa Russell for taking our cash...and all you other fine ladies that helped out too!! We look forward to your next great idea. A portion of the proceeds are to be donated to the Marine Corps Ball fund.

Recipe for a Marine Wife

1 ½ cups patience
1 cup courage
¾ cups tolerance
Dash of adventure
1 pound of adventure

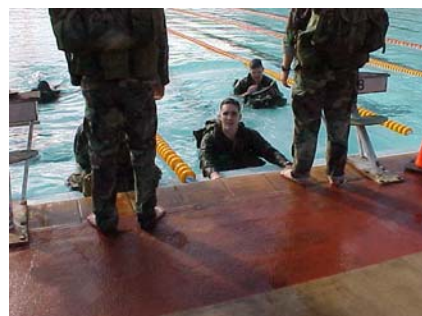
With the above ingredients:

Add 2 tablespoons elbow grease.
Let stand alone for 6 months.
Marinate frequently with salty tears.
Pour off excess fat.
Sprinkle ever so lightly with money.
Knead dough until payday.
Season with international spices.

Important Phone Numbers

Unit's FRO – SSgt Mendoza.....655 - 3176
KVC – Susan Sanchez.....655 - 3176
Navy Relief.....254 - 1327
Legal Assistance.....257 - 0074 x242
Tripler.....433 - 2778
TRICARE.....800 - 242 - 6788
L.I.N.K.S.....257 - 1941
Key Volunteer Trainer.....257 - 2410





Super Squad 2003 Photo Essay (Clockwise from top left)

Top Left: MCCA Testing – Cpl Ryan Heck, LCpl Pete Garza, Cpl Gustavo Sims and LCpl Kevin Geronime make their best guesses.

Top Right: Casualty Carry – Echo lugs Cpl Brett Moorman up the hill.

Right Side Upper: MCMA Skills – Sgt Brett Farmer sends Sgt Craig Casipe to the ground.

Right Side Lower: Chow Break – LCpl Kevin Geronime catches some zs.

Lower Right: Max Pull-ups – LCpl John Rescott knocks out the reps.

Lower Left: Max Bench Presses – LCpl Michelle Heinzig just misses on rep 15.

Left Side Lower: Pugil Sticks – Marines duke it out in front of the CO and XO.

Left Side Upper: 400m Swim – Cpl Vohn Watts finally finishes the swim.

**M16 disassembly/reassembly not pictured due to security concerns.



The Commanding Officer Speaks Out

Company I adopts a new logo!

Much has happened over the past year for the Marines of Company I. World events have changed the way we do business at KRSOC. We, the Marines of Company I, have answered the challenge and continue to excel. We have grown stronger, become closer and have been born again - HARD!

Your selfless contributions to the team building concept and outstanding individual performances and leadership have made an inspiring impact not only within the Company, but have also set the standard for others to emulate here at KRSOC.

You have inspired me to transform our Company logo into one which better captures our core values of honor, courage and commitment and one which reflects our mindset as Marines of Company I. Continue to challenge yourself and your fellow Marines to take it to the next level and to always lead by example in word and deed.

Take care of yourself, your Marines and your family. Have fun and get some!

Semper Fidelis,
Major Sanchez

What our logo represents:

- The Circle represents MCSB's presence around the world.
- The Eagle, Globe and Anchors represent Company I as an active Marine Corps Unit.
- The Bald Eagle represents our warrior spirit.
- The Rifle represents the Marine Corps concept of every Marine a rifleman.
- The Lightning Bolt represents our SIGINT and Information Operation activities.
- The "I" represents the Marines of Company I - past, present and future.
- "Mission First" represents our commitment to mission success above personal reward.
- "Marines Always" represents our belief that Marines take care of their own.
- The American Flag represents our patriotic spirit, symbolizes our freedoms as Americans and honors those who have fought and sacrificed before us.

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